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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. A copy of the non-U.S. patent is attached.

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